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1. PROPOSED PRIVATE FUNDING FOR B. B. KING AFRICAN TOUR DID NOT MATERIALIZE. HOWEVER DEPT HAS NOW ARRANGED PICK UP KING AND HIS GROUP (13 PEOPLE) FOLLOWING HIS FALL EUROPEAN TOUR FOR ABBREVIATED VISIT WEST AFRICA JUST PRIOR RETURN TO U. S.

2. PLANNING INCLUDE ADDRESSEE POSTS AS FOLLOWS: ARRIVE DAKAR 1515 HOURS NOV 19 FROM PARIS VIA RK-07 WITH CONCERT SAME NIGHT; NOV 20-- TWO CONCERTS; NOV 21-- TRAVEL DAKAR/ ACCRA 0730/1210 VIA PA-184 WITH CONCERT SAME NIGHT; NOV 22-- TWO CONCERTS; NOV 23-- TRAVEL ACCRA/ LAGOS 1015/ 1200-- NO CONCERTS; NOV 24-- TWO CONCERTS; NOV 25-- CONCERT; NOV 26-- DEPART 2110 FOR NY VIA PA-181. NO EXTENSION OF TOUR POSSIBLE.
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3. DEPT PAYING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND PERFORMANCE FEES. POST OR LOCAL SPONSOR WOULD PAY ROOM AND BOARD PLUS ALL STAGING, WITHIN COUNTRY TRAVEL AND RELATED LOCAL COSTS. WHERE ADMISSION CHARGED, INSTRUCTIONS CITED IN PARA ON LOCAL SPONSOR CONTRACTS (REF AIRGRAM) PERTAIN. IF LOCAL COSPONSOR USED, ADVISE NAME.

4. WHERE TWO CONCERTS ARE LISTED IN SAME DAY, THEY MAY BE SCHEDULED EITHER AFTERNOON AND EVENING, OR ONE EARLY EVENING, ONE LATE EVENING. ANY CHANGE IN ABOVE CONCERT SCHEDULE MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY DEPT SINCE TOTAL CONCERTS IN WEST AFRICA CANNOT EXCEED NINE AND MUST BE CONFINED TO SIX CALENDAR DAYS.

5. WORKSHOPS AS DESCRIBED IN REF MAY BE PROGRAMMED, TRAVEL AND CONCERT SCHEDULE PERMITTING. WORKSHOPS AND OTHER OFFSTAGE ACTIVITIES MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE. DEPT WILL ADVISE LATER WHETHER SIMULTANEOUS TV AND RADIO BROADCASTS POSSIBLE.

6. KING EUROPEAN VISIT IS PART OF TOUR BY SEVERAL MAJOR JAZZ/ SOUL ENSEMBLES FROM NEWPORT JAZZ FESTIVAL, ANOTHER UNIT OF WHICH (DUKE ELLINGTON) WILL TOUR EAST AFRICA FOR ONE WEEK SIMULTANEOUS TO KING' S WEST AFRICAN VISIT.

7. NO MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT OF ABOVE SHOULD BE MADE IN FIELD AT THIS TIME. DEPT PLANNING ANNOUNCEMENT AT LATER DATE.

8. ADVISE ACCEPTANCE. RUSH

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